

Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002

♥ Happy Valentine's Day ♥

## Space lecture features talk on Hubble payload, Advanced Camera for Surveys



## Advance ticket sales for African-American History Month luncheon end Feb. 15

**▲ KSC Partnership Launches Space Research Lecture Series:** The NASA KSC Education Programs and University Research Division is partnering with the Florida Space Research Institute (FSRI) and Delaware North Park Services of Spaceport, Inc., to provide a free Space Research Lecture Series. The Florida Space Grant Consortium and the Florida Space Business Roundtable are also co-sponsoring the Lecture Series.

The first lecture will be held Feb. 25 at 3 p.m. in the Universe Theater of the KSC Visitor Complex featuring Dr. Holland Ford of Johns Hopkins University. A reception will follow. Dr. Ford is an astronomer with the Space Telescope Science Institute and Principal Investigator for the Advanced Camera for Surveys (ACS) instrument, which will be installed aboard the Hubble Space Telescope during Shuttle mission STS-109, scheduled for launch Feb. 28. Information on Dr. Ford and his research is available at <http://www.pha.jhu.edu/people/faculty/ford.html>.

Employees with supervisory approval, university faculty and students are invited to participate in the lecture and reception. Seating will be limited. For more information or to RSVP, e-mail [eelegood@fsri.com](mailto:eelegood@fsri.com)

"The Lecture Series will feature world-class scientists who launch their experiments into space from the Cape Canaveral Spaceport," said KSC Director Roy Bridges. "We'll also be able to focus on other space research and technology topics of interest."

According to Florida Secretary of Education Jim Horne, "These lecture events will promote working-level interaction between NASA-sponsored scientists and Florida-based researchers. Our goal is to increase Florida's academic involvement in space research and technology development, to benefit NASA, military and commercial programs."

**▲ Tickets for the KSC African-American History Month Luncheon** -- The KSC Black Employee Strategy Team (BEST) will host the 2002 event, which will be held at the Debus Conference Facility **Wednesday, Feb. 20**, with an Art Display at 10:15 a.m. and luncheon at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$18 if purchased by Feb. 15/\$20 after Feb. 15 (if tickets are available). Your ticket must be presented for admission, so please remember to bring it with you! Check the web site below for an updated ticket distributor list: <http://www-best.ksc.nasa.gov/BEST/aahm2002.htm>.

**◆ 2002 Research And Technology Report** -- The report, with its wide distribution, provides NASA, academia and industry with a broad overview of KSC's accomplishments in technology development. Articles should be prepared for all advanced technology funded projects, plus, articles are also encouraged for projects that include technology development funded by other sources such as Shuttle, Payloads, Space Station, etc. The report will follow the same basic format as the 2000/2001 report. Articles should be mailed to Barbara LeDuke, DNX-8, by March 15. View prior year reports at: [http://technology.ksc.nasa.gov/WWWaccess/R&T\\_reports.html](http://technology.ksc.nasa.gov/WWWaccess/R&T_reports.html).

**◆ Did You Know? Volunteers Are Wanted.** NASA and KSC are proud to be hosting the 4th Annual Regional FIRST Robotics Competition March 7-9 at the KSC Visitor Complex. Volunteers of technical and non-technical backgrounds are needed -- drivers, crowd control and field attendants are among a few categories available. Interested? All USA employees, please contact Linda Bradley at 867-3709 or [Linda.j.Bradley@usago.ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:Linda.j.Bradley@usago.ksc.nasa.gov). All others may contact Pat Christian at 867-2144 or [patricia.christian-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:patricia.christian-1@ksc.nasa.gov). ♥

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